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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT "CALIFORNIA READS: SEARCHING FOR DEMOCRACY"
GRANT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY READING PROGRAMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Public Library is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept the "California Reads: Searching For Democracy" grant award from the California Council for the Humanities in the total amount of \$12,200.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the "California Reads: Searching For Democracy" grant award in the total amount of \$12,200 for community reading programs from the California Council for the Humanities, made possible by funding from the BayTree Foundation, the Seedlings Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
2. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian to execute any documents and agreements related to the acceptance and use of the grant funds; to expend the grant funds as necessary for the completion of the grant project; and to meet the conditions of the grant award.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Public Library to implement programs in the Acton/Agua Dulce area and among the communities served by the Public Library's Ethnic Resource Centers to bring people together to explore important topics relating to democracy through books that invite thoughtful conversation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Operational Effectiveness (1) and Community and Municipal Services (3).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total grant award of \$12,200 is funded by the California Council for the Humanities, made possible by funding from the BayTree Foundation, the Seedlings Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The grant funds will be used to purchase books, materials for activities, film licensing fees, and costs of guest speakers and authors. The Public Library's existing Fiscal Year 2011-12 Operating Budget has the appropriation to cover expenditures for this grant. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant award will enable the Public Library to enhance its services and programs.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Donnellan Todd". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD

County Librarian

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